Ohio State’s African American and African Studies Community Extension Center (AAASCEC) is the outreach component of the Department of African American and African studies, one of Ohio State’s few academic departments to operate a physical facility off campus. It conducts research, hosts symposia and conferences, offers credit and non-credit classes, and provides community programs to individuals from pre-teens to senior citizens in the area.

BY THE NUMBERS
Situated in a predominantly African American area just three minutes from downtown, the center is a focal point for addressing key issues of local and national concern.

Since its opening in 1985, many scholars, activists, private, religious and government agencies have participated in its programs.

The center is recognized for its service to the African American and African community in Ohio and beyond.

COURSES
Several courses for Ohio State students and the community, for credit or non-credit, include African American Voices in US Literature and Black Political Movements and Organizations.

AAASCEC MISSION
To enhance community access to the university where access has been limited in the past, and improve the relationship between the university and Columbus’s African American and African community.
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

YOUTH PROGRAMS

OSU MATH AND SCIENCE PROGRAM
Partnering with the OSU Medical Center, AAASCEC provides students in grades 4-12 with opportunities to explore math and science

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM
For high school freshmen and sophomores interested in African American cultural and historical study

SUMMER RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM
Opportunity to experience life on a college campus, and explore African American culture, as well as learn computer and technological skills.

NOW IN ITS 40TH YEAR OF OPERATION, THE CENTER HAS MAINTAINED ITS COMMITMENT TO SERVE COLUMBUS’S INNER CITY RESIDENTS. AS WE MARCH ON, WE LOOK FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN CREATING PROGRAMS THAT CULTIVATE AN EDUCATED, PRODUCTIVE, AND SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE CITIZENRY.

SPECIAL EVENTS

AFRICAN AFFAIRS SYMPOSIUM
A one-day colloquium featuring a topic of interest to the growing African community in Columbus

BLACK VETERANS DAY SALUTE
Annual symposium honoring a black military unit

HISTORY OF BLACK COLUMBUS CONFERENCE
Annual conference capturing historical trends

LECTURE SERIES
Quarterly presentation from authors

CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

TECHNOLOGY COURSES
Free and reduced cost computer application course offered quarterly

RAY MILLER INSTITUTE FOR CHANGE AND LEADERSHIP
A 10-week course designed to cultivate leadership